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Applicant:

Patel et al.

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For:

Composition Comprising 5-[4-[2-(N-Methyl-N-2-

Pyridyl)Amino)Ethoxy]Benzyl]Thiazolidine-2,4-Dione

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir,

This is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 6, 2002, setting a three (3) month period for response ending September 6, 2002. A petition to extend the time for response for a period of three (3) months is being filed herewith, such that this response is timely.

Please amend the application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11, 13, and 15-22 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

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